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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re:	Dirk Sönksen	Confirmation No:	1274
Serial No:	10/604,275	Group:	2878
Filed:	July 8, 2003	Examiner:	Yam, Stephen K.
For:	Method and Apparatus for Scanning a Specimen Using an Optical Imaging System		
Customer No.:	29127		
Attorney Docket No.	21295.56		

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

VIA FACSIMILE: 571-273-8300

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action, mailed July 21, 2005 (Paper No. 0705), please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

-amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in section a);

-amendments to the drawings are set forth in section b); and

Finally, reconsideration is requested in view of the remarks set forth in section c).

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